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### ***Kernan Awards Grant to Shelbyville's Ryobi Die Casting***

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Gov. Joe Kernan announced today that the Indiana Department of Workforce Development has awarded a \$205,512 grant to Shelbyville's Ryobi Die Casting to train 66 employees.

Ryobi Die Casting is the premier aluminum die caster in North America. The Shelbyville plant opened in 1985 and currently employs 650 people. The company produces approximately 45 different high pressure die-cast parts for their customers including Toyota, Ford Motor Co., General Motors, Allison Transmission, ZF Batavia, and Tuff Torq (John Deere Tractors).

"As Indiana looks to the future, continually upgrading the skill levels of those working in our manufacturing sector to advanced techniques is imperative," said Kernan. "Ryobi understands the need for a well-trained and well-educated workforce. We applaud their decision to invest in the future of their workforce and look forward to partnering with them as they continue to grow."

Technological advancements in die-casting have made it necessary for Ryobi to evaluate the skills of its workforce in order to plan for the future. As a result, 66 employees will be participating in one of four on-the-clock training programs: apprenticeship training, North America Die Casting Association (NADCA) certification, robotic training, and computer numeric code (CNC) machining training. Both the robotic and CNC machining training programs will result in state-issued Certificates of Technical Achievement.

According to Ryobi's President Tom Musgrave, "Ryobi embraces the core value that people are our greatest asset. In order to remain competitive in the automotive market our people will need to be highly skilled. This grant will enable Ryobi to maximize our extensive training programs, which will ensure our competitive edge in tomorrow's global economy. It is programs like these that will sustain the future success and growth of leading company's such as ours in the state of Indiana."

All Indiana businesses are eligible to apply for Incumbent Worker Training grants. The grants are designed to create a world-class workforce in Indiana, through continuous improvement to the skill levels of Hoosier workers.

Through its various programs and initiatives, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, works with the state's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates the a statewide job placement service.

For more information on this or other DWD programs, contact Jeff Harris at 317/232-3396 or visit the web site at [www.workforce.IN.gov](http://www.workforce.IN.gov).

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